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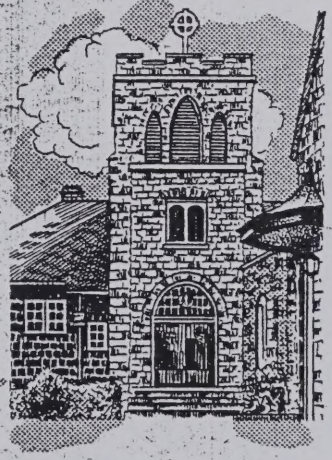

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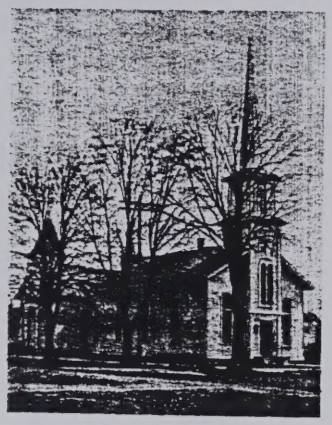


Erected 1863

THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS

—By Mrs. Charles A. Ratcliff

On July 4, 1852 the Rev. J. W. Goodell, a Home Missionary, convened a meeting in Central Schoolhouse to organize a Congregational Church. Present were Isaac N. Gilbert, Mrs. Marietta Gilbert, Albert M. Fellows, and Mrs. Lucia L. Williams. The fact that Mrs. Gilbert had been a Methodist and Mrs. Williams a Presbyterian was a foreshadowing of the many different creeds to find a home in Salem First. That same evening Martha Gilbert, one month old, was christened.

The Rev. Obed Dickinson, having sailed around the Horn with his bride, preached his first sermon in March, '53. "Old Central Schoolhouse" at the corner of Commercial and Marion Streets had rough benches, no paint or plaster; but the lack of comfort was compensated by devotion. The church soon acquired three lots at the intersection of Center and Liberty Streets on which was a small carpenter shop, where the congregation met. The pulpit chair was handmade with a seat of rawhide strips. Three nails held tallow candles on blocks of wood. The pewter communion service was carried in a basket by the pastor through the dense woods between the "Carpenter Shop Church" and his home.

In March, 1860 the shop was sold for $200.00. A new building, erected at a total cost of $4,926.04 was dedicated on August 30, '63.

The church minutes reflect the convictions and prejudices of the times. In March, '64 it was decided "that the female members be allowed to vote;" in May it was "Resolved that the practice of attending theaters, balls, and horse-races . . . . is an evil and detrimental to the interest of the church;" in April, '67 disapproval was recorded of "all games of chance;" in September, '69 a member was excommunicated for "becoming Spiritualism." In 1863 the issue of slavery intruded. The church members, thinking that the pastor "had lessened his influence and created prejudice by the introduction into the pulpit of politics," recommended that he "abstain from presenting these exciting topics in his future labors (Slavery, etc)." The pastor resigned, requesting that a statement of his views be recorded in the minutes, wherein he defended his duty to "present great moral principles" and "to enegize the laws of true citizenship." The outcome was the continuance of the pastorate to 1867.

The church has been blessed by three long pastorates, covering 51 years.

After the Rev. Dickinson's 14 years came the Rev. P. S. Knight's 18 years. On his first communion Sunday, 24 new members were received. A versatile man, Mr. Knight took active part in community life. He was credited with having officiated at 735 weddings and 1500 funerals. Of the Sunday Schools he encouraged in his later years, one became the Knight Memorial Church. In 1890 the Ladies' Society bought the Southern Methodist Church building, annexing it at the rear of First Church for parlors and Sunday School rooms. In 1904 this annex was given to Knight Memorial. The relations between the two churches have been marked by cordial reciprocity.

Dr. W. C. Kantner, a pioneer circuit rider, was pastor from 1894-1906 and from 1918-1925. He planned the improvement of the old building; then in 1904 the main part was sold. On the same site, an edifice was dedicated on April 9, 1905. Thirty-six new members were received. The stained glass windows now in the Mayflower Room and the Primary Rooms were given for this second church by Mrs. Stratton for her founding mother, Mrs. Lucia Loraine Williams, the Patton family for their father, the John Farrars for their grandfather and one for Sarah C. Hatch; a window was presented honoring Mr. and Mrs. Linus Brooks, and the Junior Endeavor gave another. Dr. Kantner was in frequent demand for Baccalaureate addresses and for numberless weddings and funerals.

Of the 18 pastors before 1944, fifteen served only from two months to six years. The Rev. J. E. Simonds, 1932-'37, was a scholarly man whose evening services were often book reviews or worship by means of art or Biblical pageantry. Forums and seminars brought to the community discussions of timely topics. His talented wife was a constant helper.

Beloved by church and community were Dr. and Mrs. Hutchinson and their five children of college age. The predilection of this Irish pastor and the British architect, F. H. Eley, for the English village type, explains the style of the present edifice, dedicated on May 25, 1941.

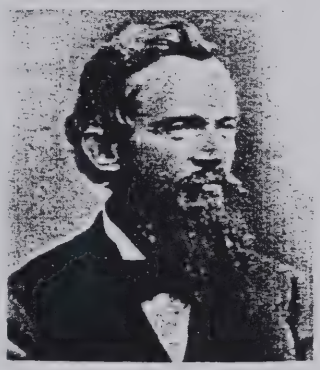
Since the coming of the Huntingtons in 1945, the church has experienced a revitalizing of loyalty and service. Miss Lois Hamer, Director of Youth Activities from '45-'48, made a valuable contribution to this forward movement.

In the fall of '49 the members were stimulated by welcoming our displaced Estonian family, Mr. and Mrs. William Stein and their four children.

Aware of its heritage of a living past, the church strives onward to fulfill its mission.

REV. OBED DICKINSON
1853 - 1867

From a reply made by Rev. O. Dickinson on Jan. 28, '63 to a resolution passed Jan. 20, '63, which expressed disapproval of certain of his utterances in the pulpit: "In regard to preaching politics, I beg leave to enter my most decided objection to the use of that term . . . . If . . . you mean by 'politics' those great moral questions of justice, righteousness, temperance and the fear of God without which the prosperity, peace and safety of a people can never long continue, then, in that sense, I have preached politics and by the blessing of God I hope long to preach it . . . . If we had a little more of Christian honesty in the officers of our government we should be better off as a people. Ministers ought to be permitted to preach on these subjects as faithfully as upon any other. Ministers now as in the early history of our country have a duty to perform. They must not be excluded from performing their part in the formation of a right public sentiment in reference to the administration of the offices of the nation."



REV. P. S. KNIGHT
1867 - 1884

REV. W. C. KANTNER
1894 - 1906
1918 - 1925

ROLL OF MINISTERS

Obed Dickinson	1853-1867
P. S. Knight	1867-1884
Frank McConaughy	1885-1886
J. W. Harris	1887-1888
Anselm Brown	1888-1889
C. L. Corwin	1889-1892
R. M. Thompson	1892-1893
P. S. Knight	1893 (Supply)
S. M. Freeland	1893-1894
W. C. Kantner	1894-1906
Frank E. Dell	1906-1907
Philip E. Bauer	1908-1911
Perry F. Schrock	1911-1914
James Elvin	1915-1918
W. C. Kantner	1918-1925
Charles E. Ward	1925-1931
J. E. Simonds	1931-1937
Robert A. Hutchinson	1937-1943
David Nielsen	1943-1945
Seth Rowen Huntington	1945-

Like links in a chain, these persons strengthen our ties with the early church.

MABEL A. LOCKWOOD
Member since 1889

ODA L. CHAPMAN
Member since 1891

Members now for over 50 years

Grace Babcock
Katherine F. Brown
Iris H. Butler
Enna M. Gueffroy
Bertha B. McMahan
Cora Talkington

CENTENNIAL BANQUET

First Congregational Church
Saturday, May 17, 1952
Mr. Richard Slater, Chairman
Dr. Robert D. Gregg, Toastmaster

Dinner—6:30 P. M.

Prayer of Blessing, by the Reverend Louis White, Minister of Knight Memorial Congregational Church, Salem

Welcome and Introductions

Vocal Solo—The Beatitudes.....Malotte
Mrs. Edward Gideon

Remarks—Miss Grace Storms, New York City, Secretary of Christian Education Division, The Board of Home Missions

Remarks—The Reverend Paul A. Davies, Superintendent and Minister of the Congregational Conference

Vocal Solo—How Lovely are Thy Dwellings.....Liddle
Mrs. Edward Gideon

Reminiscences—Former members and members of long standing and others are invited to speak.

Announcements

The Doxology

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DINNER COMMITTEE

Mrs. R. D. Byrd

Mrs. John T. Edwards

Mrs. Max Flohrer

Mrs. D. H. Upjohn

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CENTURY OF FAITH

A dramatic production based on the history of the First Congregational Church of Salem, Oregon

Thursday, May 15, 1952, Friday, May 16, 1952
8:00 P. M.

Written by Constance Kantner and Eula McCully
Directed and Narrated by Mrs. Leon M. Brown
Introduction by Howard W. Runkel

Cast in order of appearance:

Indian Women.....Mrs. Priscilla Shattuc
Mrs. Clifford A. Bowder
Mrs. Reid Hamilton

Mrs. Gilbert.....Mrs. Richard C. Johnson

Mr. Gilbert.....Jerry Heath

Mrs. Williams.....Mrs. David Cameron

Helen Williams.....Marilyn Wing Bowder

Rev. Goodell.....John T. Edwards

Albert Fellows.....Lawrence Merriam

Linus Brooks.....P. L. Calvert

Eliza Brooks.....Mrs. Robert Hansen

Nancy Stowell.....Mrs. Robert Haley

Mrs. Adair.....Mrs. Frederick H. Eley

Aunt Polly.....Mrs. Max Flohrer

Brudder Johnson.....W. R. Berndt

Negro child.....Barbara Ruth Knapp

Clerk (Mr. Cook).....Frederick H. Eley

Rev. Dickinson.....Fred Bradley

Mrs. Dickinson.....Mrs. Earl Schleminger

Organist.....Mrs. Seth R. Huntington

Choir Director (Mr. Adair).....
..... George Redden

Choir Members.....Mrs. Walter Bailey
Mrs. David Cameron
Mrs. Richard C. Johnson
Miss Beverly Matlock
Denise Murray

Sunday School Teacher.....
.....Mrs. Leon Scheidemann

Sunday School Children.....Marcia Chase
Mary DeFrance
Sharon Dorman
Joan Howser
Mary Howser
Susan Latane
Marilyn Luther
Mary Read
Lee Anne Scheidemann
MariBeth Scheidemann
Mary Stein
John DeFrance
Harrison Elgin
Francis Gaskins
Warren Harvey
John Herr
Roger Jacobsen
John Little
Allan Nettleton
Douglas Nohlgren
George Stein

Rev. P. S. Knight.....
.....William P. Galloway, Jr.

Bride.....Miss Marjorie Little

Groom.....Peter VanHorn

Bride's Mother..Mrs. Ralph W. VanHorn

Brides Maid.....Mrs. Brace I. Knapp

Groomsman.....Edward McKee

Bride's Father.....P. L. Calvert

Soloist for wedding.....Miss Laurel Herr

Men's Quartet.....Clifford A. Bowder
Brace I. Knapp
Charles Nichol
Peter VanHorn

Rev. Kantner.....Chester F. Luther

Doughboy .....Jack Waltzer

Sailor .....Jerry Heath

Chaplain .....Elmer Harr

Sailors .....Jimmie Heath
Stephen Little
Eric Nelte

Soloist.....Brace I. Knapp

Present Minister..Dr. Seth R. Huntington

Candle Lighters.....Jane Butler
Edith Gayle Brown

Church Choir.....Mrs. J. B. Avison
Mrs. Walter Bailey
Mrs. Fred Bradley
Mrs. C. M. Collins
Mrs. Donald DeLisle
Mrs. Max Flohrer
Miss Laurel Herr
Miss Darlene Ivie
Mrs. Orville Kannier
Miss Beverly Matlock
Miss Joyce Randall
L. R. Bolton
Clifford A. Bowder
Fred Bradley
Chester Goodman
Charles Hargrave
Brace I. Knapp
George Martin
Terry Murray
Charles Nichol
George Redden
Peter VanHorn

Choir Director.....Mrs. Denise Murray

SYNOPSIS

Scene I	Spring, 1852—Marion Square
Scene II	July, 1852—Central School at Marion and Commercial Streets
Scene III	March, 1853—Carpenter Shop Church
Scene IV	January, 1863—Carpenter Shop Church
Scene V	1864—First Church
Scene VI	1880—First Church
Scene VII	1890—First Church
Scene VIII	1904—First Church
Scene IX	1918—Salem
Scene X	1943—Salem
Scene XI	1952—First Congregational Church, Marion and Cottage Streets

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director and Narrator	Mrs. Leon M. Brown
Assistant to Director and Chairman	Mrs. J. C. Nichol
Research Assistant	Mrs. S. J. Butler
Stage Manager	Richard C. Johnson
Scenery	Delbert Downey Mrs. William D. Galloway, Jr. Charles Huggins
Properties	Clifford A. Bowder Robert Clark Dale Pence Cecil Wickline
Lights	Donald DeLisle Leon M. Brown
Make Up	Mrs. Donald DeLisle Mrs. Stanley Butler Mrs. Clifford A. Bowder
Costumes	Mrs. Marvin Nettleton Mrs. Lawrence Merriam Mrs. Hugh McKee Mrs. Delbert Downey
Baby Sitters	Miss Joyce King Miss Joyce McEvers
Organist	Mrs. Jean Hobson Rich

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

May 18, 1952

10:30 A. M.

"Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or even Thou hads't formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting Thou are God." Ps. 90.
"Who shall separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord?" Romans 8.

"Go ye, therefore, into all the world . . . ." Matt. 28.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE, Ballade.....Clokey

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN, The Church's One Foundation.....No. 391

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth.
Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, and he shall lift you up.
O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

CHORAL RESPONSE
(Interval for seating worshippers)

HYMN, O God our Help in Ages Past.....No. 177

RECEPTION OF CHARTER MEMBERS FOR THE SECOND CENTURY

ANTHEM, Hear My Supplication.....Arkhangelsky-Krone

BIBLE READING, Matt. 16:13-26

*HYMN, A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.....No. 259

OFFERTORY, God's Time Is Best.....Bach-Grace

*DOXOLOGY

SOLO, Bless This House.....Brahe
Peter VanHorn

SERMON, "The Church's One Foundation"
The Reverend Stuart L. Anderson, D. D., President
Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California

*RECESSIONAL HYMN, O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand.....No. 347

*PRAYER OF BENEDICTION CHORAL AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE, Now Thank We All Our God.....Karg-Elert

*Congregation stands

Seth R. Huntington, Minister
Jean Hobson Rich, Organist
Denise Murray, Choir Director
John G. Herr, Chairman of Ushers

CHOIR VESPER

May 18, 1952

4 P. M.

THE HOLY CITY

An Oratorio

by

A. R. GAUL

PART I

CONTEMPLATION

Introduction ..... Organ

Jean Rich

No shadows yonder ..... Bonar

Chorus

No weeping yonder ..... Bonar

George Redden, tenor

No partings yonder ..... Bonar

Chorus

My soul is athirst for God ..... Ps. XLII 2, 3

Chester Goodman, tenor

At eventide it shall be light ..... Zech. XIV 7

Miss Laurel Herr, soprano
Mrs. Fred Bradley, mezzo-soprano
Mrs. J. B. Avison, contralto

They that sow in tears ..... Ps. CXXVI 6, 7

Chorus

Eye hath not seen ..... I Cor. II 9

Mrs. Willard Renken, contralto

For thee, O dear, dear country ..... Neale

Chorus

Thine is the Kingdom ..... Matt. VI 13

Chorus

PART II

ADORATION

Intermezzo ..... Organ

Jean Rich

A new heaven and a new earth ..... Isa. LXV 17, 18

Terry Murray, bass

Holy, holy, holy.....Rev. XXI 1, 2
Chorus

And I heard a great voice.....Rev. XXI 3, 4
Peter VanHorn, bass

Let the heavens rejoice.....Ps. XCVI 11
Double Choir

To the Lord our God.....Dan. IX 9
George Redden, tenor

Then shall the King say.....Matt. XXV 34
Berwin Murray, baritone

The fining pot is for silver.....Prov. XVII 3
Chorus

These are they which came out of great tribulation.....Rev. VII 14, 15
Mrs. Walter Bailey, soprano

They shall hunger no more.....Rev. VII 16, 15
Miss Laurel Herr, soprano
Mrs. J. B. Avison, contralto

List! the Cherubic host.....Milton
Women's Chorus

And I heard the voice of harpers.....Rev. XIV 2, 3
Terry Murray, bass-baritone

Great and marvellous are Thy works.....Te Deum
Chorus

Before the mountains were brought forth.....Ps. XC 2
Alleluia! Amen
Chorus

Denise Murray, Choir Director

Jean Hobson Rich, Organist

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SERVICE OF CONSECRATION

Mrs. Charles A. Ratcliff, Moderator, Presiding
Litany of Consecration
Commemorating the First Hundred Years of the
First Congregation Church of Salem, Oregon
Composed by Miss Eleanor Stephens

Praise be to Thee, O God, for our fair land: for hills and plains traversed by pioneer bands, for enduring beauty of meadows and fields, for burgeoning flowers which yearly evidence Thy everlasting love.

WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD, AND BLESS THY NAME

Father, we thank Thee that among these pioneers there were Christians like our founders, Isaac Gilbert and his wife Marietta, like Albert M. Fellows, Mrs. Lucia Loraine Williams, and the Rev. G. W. Goodell, who in 1852 first shepherded this little flock at First Congregational Church in Salem.

WE THANK THEE, O GOD, FOR OUR FOUNDING FATHERS

Gracious Lord, we humble ourselves before the power of these ancients to whom nothing seemed too difficult, a people whom nothing daunted, whether physical or spiritual prowess was needed. We pray Thee, O God, to teach us the lesson of their strength.

WE ASK THY GUIDANCE THAT WE MAY FOLLOW IN THEIR STEPS, O GOD

In the bright fellowship of this cloud of witnesses, grant us, our God, the wisdom needed for our **Second Century**. Help our souls to respond to the challenge of eternal goodness shining through human life in this dark time.

WE BESEECH THEE TO HEAR US, O GOD

May the members of our present congregation exemplify to this community and to the nation and to the world those qualities of neighborliness and good citizenship which hallow all lovers of civic righteousness.

WE BESEECH THEE TO HEAR US, O GOD

Eternal Goodness, Our Father, in loving token of all souls of every age and faith who have ventured greatly, grant that we may enter into their wisdom of the brotherhood of man.

WE BESEECH THEE TO HEAR US, O GOD

May we grow in spiritual grace, may we perfectly fulfill all that is most pleasing to Thee. Bestow upon us, O Lord, understanding to know Thy will and faithfulness to carry forward Thy plan.

WE BESEECH THEE TO HEAR US, O GOD

Eternal Father of mankind, who brought our people into this bounteous land and did establish First Congregational Church of Salem and did make it to flourish throughout its **First Century**, hear Thou our cry.

WITH ALL OUR HEARTS WE BESEECH THEE, O GOD, TO HEAR US.

HYMN, O Where are Kings and Empires Now.....No. 403

PRAYER OF BENEDICTION CHORAL AMEN.

Ringing of Old Church Bell

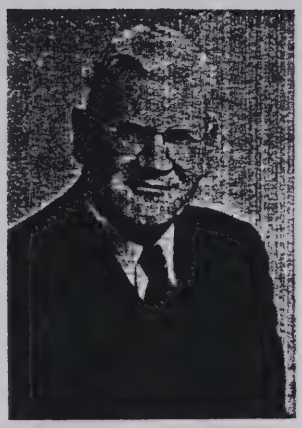
BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mayflower Room and Parlor
Mrs. L. K. Lawrence, Chairman

Remarks by Mrs. Hjalmar Anderson, President of Woman's Guild

Cutting of the Cake.....by the two members of longest standing
Mabel A. Lockwood, Oda L. Chapman

Closing Hymn, Blest Be the Tie that Binds...



On an earlier page you have read the courageous and prophetic words of Obed Dickinson. Chattel slavery which he so stoutly opposed as being contrary to the Gospel he felt impelled to preach is no longer an issue among us, thanks to a multitude of Dickinsons who in one way or another worked or sacrificed for freedom.

Time marches on. A century has seen notable changes. Everywhere geographical frontiers have passed. Modern America, to say nothing of other parts of the world, moves with incredible speed by means of inventions that are perfectly astounding. Fantastic possibilities have moved from the Buck Rogers of the Comic Strip to the minds of sober scientists. In one area, according to a recent writer in Harper's magazine, more has been learned in the past two years than was learned during all previous time! What took Commodore Perry months of gruelling labor was accomplished the other day in a matter of hours and minutes when an American airplane shod with skis landed at the North pole! Speed, gadgets, comforts, rapidly increasing knowledge of our physical environment and mastery over it, these are familiar marks of our day. And we say, rightly enough, all good —if; if man's knowledge of the moral and the spiritual keeps pace, and if man embraces the moral and the spiritual. Therein lies society's hope. And there, at that point, religion and the church have their vital function.

Indeed, slavery, at least in some areas, now belongs to history. But history is in process. Frontiers of another kind are just as present with us as geographical frontiers were present in the time of our forefathers. And great moral issues confront us as moral issues confronted them, in whose memory we are gathered for this Centennial in 1952. These frontiers are out where "sound the cries of race and clan;" out where nation wars with nation, poverty with plenty, out where stone-age ideas, whether they ride in Cadillacs or not, stubbornly and stupidly resist the light of brotherhood and the sovereignty of God and the fact of one humanity. Here stretches away today's frontier.

We ought to have no more taste for selfish comfort than Obed Dickinson had 100 years ago. In our world, mighty of arm and fearful of heart, courage is still a virtue, prophetic voices that "speak the truth in love" are as urgently needed as in any hour of the past, and sacrifice dare not pass from our experience. This challenge ought to thrill us beyond words, this chance in our time to go west across the prairies to new country and there, in the company of all brave spirits, hew out a little history of our own that will help make meaningful the bi-centennial of this church in the year 2052.

Not that our task will be easy. A well known contemporary describes our time as the "stormy latitudes of history." And so it is. But we are not afraid. We remember Him who rode out the storm, and towers still o'er all the wrecks of time.

Seth Rowen Huntington

whose honor it is to be the present minister of this virile and thriving church.

DID YOU KNOW

That the First Congregational Church of Salem was the fourth to be established by the denomination in Oregon and the third Protestant church in Salem—

That, before a permanent floor was laid in the first frame building, a big supper with entertainment was given for the benefit of soldiers wounded in the Civil War—

That a collection was taken on each second Sunday for the Christian Sanitary Commission—

That, having received aid from the American Home Missionary Society for the first eight years, the church became self-supporting in 1860—

That on October 13, 1862 pews were offered for sale at $50.00 each; in '66 pew rental amounted to $560.50 a year, subscriptions to $106.00—

That the opening devotions at early business meetings were called "the lecture"—

That a prayer meeting was held each Thursday and Sunday School after church service—

That a collection was taken once a year "to defray expenses of the communion table"—

That four dollars a month was voted for the sexton "to take care of the church" and "to seat the congregation at such price as they may deem just"—

That, a dog, shut in from Sunday to Thursday, having chewed to shreds the green curtains over the window back of the pulpit, the saloon-keeper replaced it within the same week—

That in '64 "five male members" constituted "a quorum to do business"—

That the Rev. Dickinson bought land for his expanding seed business, named Garden Road, and furnished seeds all over the state and that his precept for irrigation was "to keep the ground constantly moist with perspiration at the end of the hoe handle"—

That statistics in a sermon by the Rev. Dickinson in January, '64 gave the number of dwellings in Salem as 216; inhabitants, 1230; children between four and twenty years, 637; Protestant churches, 5; members of Congregational Church, 47—

That in '69 every member was required to belong to a committee and to report to the chairman every month—

That in '71 pews were made free and gas fixtures were installed—

That in '72 the treasurer was authorized to loan $94.65 in the poor fund as Salem apparently had no poor—

That three of the four founding members were present at the 21st anniversary—

That in '76 the income was $1,749.47—

That on December 22, '78 it was "Resolved that the minister open services promptly at the appointed time"—

That J. W. Gilbert, a covered wagon immigrant of '44, surveyed the original town sites of Salem. His home on Garden Road was the "scene of many delightful affairs."—

That on April 10, 1879, at a memorial prayer meeting for Mr. Gilbert, the Rev. Knight said, "He came bringing not alone the dreams of the adventurer and the daring of the pioneer, but also the spirit of the patriot and the faith of the Christian"—

That the Rev. Knight composed an original poem and ritual for funeral services, was Superintendent of Schools, Superintendent of the State School for the Deaf, a reporter for the Statesman, a lecturer at Willamette University, and a good taxidermist—

That after a discussion in '84 as to wine for communion, the church voted for unfermented—

That in the last call for funds November 24, 1900, "Every member who is able to pay it and whose name does not appear hereon, we now request to pay $5.00."—

That Mrs. Kantner arranged numerous playlets to help finance the new edifice in 1905—

That for the dedication April 9, '05 Dr. Kantner composed "Peerless Oregon," which was set to music by his gifted son, Clifford—

That the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was active in the second church—

That in '13 a parsonage was erected on the lot east of the church building—

That the church has lived through four wars, giving the Rev. James Elvin to the Army and Navy Y.M.C.A. in France in World War I and the Reverend David Nielsen as chaplain to the Navy in World War II—

That the ladies once gave chicken-pie suppers for 25 cents a ticket—

That it became traditional for Mrs. Daniel Fry, Sr., to entertain the women before Christmas and Mrs. George Rossman before Thanksgiving—

That the Rev. Philip E. Bauer was chaplain at the Men's Penitentiary and later a missionary to Alaska—

That about '16 a pipe organ was purchased and a motion picture used for many years at church evening worship—

That for the 80th anniversary an historical series was written by Hendricks for his Statesman column, "Bits for Breakfast"—

That ground was broken at the present church site on Aug. 22, 1940; the cornerstone laid February 12, '41; the pipe organ dedicated May 18 and the edifice May 25 with a sermon by Dr. Douglass Horton and a hymn for the ceremonial entry by Pastor Hutchinson—

That the altar was given by the Kantner family in memory of the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Kantner; the brass accessories by Miss Mary Fake in honor of her parents; the Bible by Mrs. Judson Pratt for her mother; the pulpit by Miss Cora Talkington for her mother; the lectern by Mrs. Mabel Lockwood for her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Adair—

That Mrs. Lockwood has been a member for 63 years, Miss Oda Chapman for 61 years and the following have been members for over 50 years: Miss Cora Talkington, Miss Grace Babcock, Mrs. Bertha Byrd McMahan, Mrs. Katherine Fox Brown, Mrs. Enna McCracken Gueffroy, and Mrs. Iris Hanna Butler—

That not until the hundredth year was a woman elected moderator—

That as of April, '52 the church roll numbers 471; the church school, 245; the Cradle Roll, 95.

APPRECIATION

Central Centennial Committee: Dr. Howard Doak, Chairman
Mrs. R. D. Byrd
Dr. Robert D. Gregg
Mrs. S. J. Butler
Mr. Paul W. Harvey, Jr.
Mrs. J. C. Nichol

Centennial Booklet Committee:
Mr. Robert McEwan
Mrs. Howard W. Runkel
Mr. Kenneth Torgeson

Decoration Committee: Miss Oda Chapman, Chairman
Mrs. Paul W. Harvey, Jr.
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